GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4374
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GODHRA CARNAGE CASE
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the reports of Intelligence Bureau (IB) and Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), the culprits/conspirators behind the attack on Sabarmati Express in Godhra carnage case is still to be illusive and those arrested so far could just be puppets in the hands of more powerful forces;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof; and

(c) the progress made so far in the case as reported by the State Government and other intelligence agencies to the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): No specific information to this effect has been received.

(c): As per information received from the State Government, a total of 130 persons involved in the crime have been identified and out of them 75 persons have been arrested and 68 of them sent to judicial custody. 55 persons are absconding. Two charge-sheets have been filed in the case so far.